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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities
of the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing

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SUBJECT: Title 5 Regulations, California Administrative Code,
Methods for Obtaining a Credential; Completion of
Approved Program or its Equivalent; Reciprocity

The Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing has approved and amended the following regulations in Title 5 of the California Administrative Code relating to Methods for Obtaining a Credential; Completion of Approved Program or its Equivalent; Reciprocity. These regulations have also been approved by the California State Board of Education.

Amends Section 5931:

5931. Methods for Obtaining a Credential; Completion of Approved Program or its Equivalent; Reciprocity. In addition to any other requirements specified for obtaining any credential, an applicant for a credential shall fulfill one of the following requirements:

(a) A California college or university offering a Commission-approved program of teacher preparation as a requirement for the credential shall certify that the applicant has completed its approved program and shall recommend the applicant for the appropriate credential; or

(b) A college or university in a state other than California shall certify that the applicant has completed a program of preparation approved by the state educational certification agency in the state in which it is located. Such approved program of preparation shall be acceptable only if completed in a regionally accredited institution. The applicant shall receive an initial regular credential and must complete other California requirements not included in the out-of-state approved program to obtain a clear credential; or

(OVER)

(c) An applicant whose professional preparation for a teaching credential is in a state other than California and with which California has a reciprocity agreement signed pursuant to Section 13191 of the Education Code, shall receive an initial regular credential and shall be required only to complete the fifth year of study as described in Section 5932 below and the unit requirement in health education specified in Section 13132.5 of the Education Code; or

(d) An applicant may be admitted to a teaching internship program in a college or university approved for such purposes by the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing. The credential issued for two years on this basis shall be valid only so long as the holder is in good standing in the internship program of the college or university; or

(e) An applicant who has not completed a program of professional preparation in accordance with subsections (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section may offer three years of successful full-time teaching experience, all of which has been completed within ten years prior to the date of application. All such teaching experience shall have been acquired in grades one through twelve in public schools or private schools of equivalent status, verified by appropriate administrative officials in the school district or districts where the experience was acquired. The teaching experience shall have been accomplished on a full professional certificate based upon a baccalaureate or higher degree of the state in which the experience was acquired. If a certificate was not required, the applicant shall verify eligibility for such certification at the time. The experience shall be verified on a form prescribed by the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, and shall be considered a part of the application. The applicant shall meet all other credential requirements.